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U.S. ROLE IN GREEK COUP

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(TEXT) MOSCOW--"THE PREPARATION FOR AND HOLDING OF THE COUP IN GREECE WAS NOT POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE BUT ALSO WITHOUT THE PARTICIPATION OF THE UNITED STATES," SAYS THE IZVESTIYA COMMENTATOR VITALIY KOBYSH. "AND WHEN PEOPLE IN WASHINGTON NOW PRETEND TO BE 'STAGGERED' BY THE EVENTS IN GREECE THIS IS NOTHING BUT A FEINT," HE WRITES TODAY IN HIS ARTICLE ABOUT THE EVENTS IN GREECE.

THE ATHENS COUP WAS MODELLED AFTER THE MILITARY PUTSCHES WHICH WASHINGTON HAS ORGANIZED MORE THAN ONCE IN LATIN AMERICA, KOBYSH RECALLS. "WASHINGTON HAS WORKED OUT CERTAIN TACTICS," THE ARTICLE SAYS. "HAVING 'PULLED OFF' A COUP AND HAVING, DEPENDING ON CIRCUMSTANCES, PLACED IN POWER ITS SOLE REPRESENTATIVE OR A MILITARY JUNTA, THE CIA AND THE PENTAGON WITHDRAW FOR SOME TIME. THE MAIN ROLE IS THEN TAKEN OVER BY THE PAYROLL THOURNERS FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND THE PROPAGANDA AGENCIES."

THE COUP MAKERS ARE BEING CALLED UPON TO DISPLAY HUMANITY IN THE TREATMENT OF POLITICAL PRISONERS. AT PRESS CONFERENCES THEY ARE THREATENED WITH A SUSPENSION OF MILITARY DELIVERIES AND EVEN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, KOBYSH CONTINUES.

"AT THE SAME TIME WASHINGTON IS DOING EVERYTHING TO STRENGTHEN THE REGIME OF ITS PLACEMEN. IT SHARPLY INCREASES ITS MILITARY AID TO THEM, AND PROVIDES THEM WITH LOANS. THERE SHOULD BE NO DOUBT THAT WASHINGTON WILL THUS 'ESCALATE' ITS POSITION CONCERNING THE GREEK MILITARY DICTATORSHIP."

"THE U.S. LEADERS INTEND TO ACT IN EUROPE AS IN GUATEMALA," THE COMMENTATOR WRITES IN CONCLUSION. "BUT WHEREAS IN LATIN AMERICA THE COUPS USUALLY TURN AGAINST THE UNITED STATES, IN THE EUROPEAN CONTINENT THESE COUPS ARE FRAUGHT WITH UTTER FAILURE FOR THE UNITED STATES AND ITS ILK."

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MOSCOW, MAY 15 (REUTERS)--THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT NEWSPAPER IZVESTIA TONIGHT SAID LAST MONTH'S ARMY COUP IN GREECE WAS "INCONCEIVABLE" WITHOUT THE PARTICIPATION OF THE UNITED STATES.

IZVESTIA COMMENTATOR V. KOPYSH SAID THE U.S. AMBASSADOR IN ATHENS HAD MET WITH THE COUP CONSPIRATORS ON THE VERY EVE OF THEIR TAKEOVER.

"MASSES" OF AMERICAN CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY OPERATIVES WERE SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, HE ADDED.

BUT KOPYSH WAS CAREFUL TO AVOID A DIRECT ACCUSATION THAT THE U.S. ACTUALLY DID TAKE PART IN THE COUP.

"THE PREPARATION FOR AND HOLDING OF THE COUP IN GREECE WAS INCONCEIVABLE WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE AND EVEN THE PARTICIPATION OF THE UNITED STATES," HE WROTE.

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